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Appln. No. 09/463,681

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Dear Examiner Mayekar:

As we have recently discussed, attached please find a copy of our response to the above case, filed July 30, 2003, along with the facsimile confirmation report showing its submission to the after-final fax number listed on the outstanding Office Action. Our inquiries with your office suggest that the PTO has not, as of yet, docketed this response.

We respectfully request this response be entered into the file at this time, as was suggested by Examiner Nam Nguyen during a telephone conference with Chris Beck earlier today.

We appreciate all of your efforts with regard to this matter.

Best regards,

Christopher Beck (Registration No. 52,603)

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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

EXTENSION OF TIME

No extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is believed necessary.

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 30, 2003, please consider the enclosed remarks as follows:

Remarks and arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.